

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1111

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Steve Henry and the Soddy Daisy High School wrestling team upon winning the 2005-2006 TSSAA Division I Traditional State Wrestling Title.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable sports team is the Soddy Daisy High School wrestling team, which achieved an extraordinary level of success in the 2005-2006 season, establishing a record of thirty wins against only five losses and winning the 2005-2006 TSSAA Division I Traditional State Wrestling Championship; and

WHEREAS, one of the most demanding sports, wrestling is also one of the oldest sporting competitions, tracing its roots to the ancient Greeks and the earliest Olympic games; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Steve Henry, the Trojans avenged a third-place finish in the TSSAA State Duals Wrestling Tournament by defeating the two teams that placed ahead of them to win the TSSAA Division I Traditional State Wrestling Tournament; and

WHEREAS, every wrestler in the team's lineup scored during the state tournament, thereby contributing to the school's first Traditional State Wrestling Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Trojans' wrestling team also won the Region 4 Duals Championship, the Region 4 Tournament Championship, the Ooltewah Invitational Championship, the Fort Payne Duals Championship, the Clarksville Duals Championship, and the Father Ryan Invitational Championship; the Trojans placed third in the TSSAA State Duals Tournament, fifth in the

McCallie Invitational, second in the Brentwood Invitational, and second in the Soddy Daisy Invitational; and

WHEREAS, a team with uncommon dedication and motivation, the Soddy Daisy wrestling team includes Dustin Stewart (who wrestled in the 103-pound weight class), Wes Brett (112), Taylor Witt (119), Mikey Fuller (125), Jason McCroskey (130), Ryan Fuller (135), Ulric Winesburgh (140), Jarriet Toney (145), Eric Turner (152), Colby Lewis (160), Tyler Roberson (171), Michael Romano (189), Matt Lettner (215), and Billy Zimmerman (275); and

WHEREAS, a two-time state champion, Ryan Fuller won the TSSAA State Wrestling Individual Championship in the 135-pound weight class, and Tyler Roberson won the TSSAA State Wrestling Individual Championship in the 171-pound weight class; and

WHEREAS, in the TSSAA Wrestling Tournament, Matt Lettner placed second in the 215-pound weight class; Jason McCroskey placed third in the 130-pound weight class; Ulric Winesburgh placed third in the 140-pound weight class; Jarriet Toney finished third in the 145-pound weight class; and Dustin Stewart place fifth in the 103-pound weight class; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Steve Henry laid the groundwork for this year's championship team by sharing with these young men his substantial knowledge of wrestling, his many years of coaching and athletic experience, and his passion both for the sport of wrestling and for excellence in every endeavor; his teams won the TSSAA State Duals Wrestling Tournament in 1989 and 2002, a testament to his talent and excellent coaching abilities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the able leadership of Head Coach Steve Henry, the Soddy Daisy wrestling team benefited from the hard work and guidance of Assistant Coaches Ashley Brooks, Shane Turner, Trevor Fuller, and Rabbit Turner; and

WHEREAS, the wrestlers of Soddy Daisy High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the wrestling mat; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship wrestling season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Soddy Daisy High School wrestling team for winning the 2005-2006 TSSAA Division I Traditional State Wrestling Title and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the coaches and players of the Soddy Daisy High School wrestling team upon winning 2005-2006 TSSAA Division I Traditional State Wrestling Title, commend them upon a successful wrestling season, and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.